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## Yost's Mill is No More

Night of "Friday, the Thirteenth" an ill omen for Hays City.

For the third time in his life I. M. Yost has had his flour mill totally destroyed by fire. An alarm was turned in shortly before one o'clock Saturday morning and though the firemen responded very quickly and put forth their best efforts nothing could be done to save the mill. Fire caught from a hot box in the dust room on the east side of the top story and spread rapidly to the dust collectors. The mill was shut down at once and all effort was made by the mill hands to extinguish it, but on account of no water being available nothing much could be done to allay the flames which spread to the Texas and out through the roof on the east end. Effort was made by the firemen to reach the flames from the top of engine house and could this have been done the greater part of the structure would have been saved. Attempt was then made by a number of heroic young men to reach the fire from within the building but the smoke and gas from the upper stories made this impossible.

Firemen then turned their attention to the Citizens Bank and Schwaller's lumber yard both of which were saved with much hard work. The elevator and engine room of the mill were also saved with little damage. The office fixtures and 9000 pounds of flour were saved. Mr. Yost estimates the total loss including contents to reach nearly \$125,000.

Among other things devoured by the flames were: 27 cars flour, value \$27,000; 6 cars feed, value \$3000; and \$3000 worth of sacks.

The storehouse was completely packed with export flour waiting for more cars to fill orders. The storage bins in the mill contained 300 bushels of wheat, all of which was destroyed. Considerable new machinery which was being installed by E. B. Barker, a

Kansas City mill-wright, was converted into scrap iron.

It is thought by many that all that saved Hays from a general fire was the sheet iron construction of the exterior of the mill. Certainly this did much to restrain the flames which were wont to leap viciously in a strong southeast wind.

The entire structure was insured for \$52,000 and probably nearly the entire sum will be allowed. The insurance adjuster was here Wednesday getting proofs of the loss.

Mr. Yost though he feels the loss greatly is talking of re-building and we opine that Hays will not remain mill-less long. As before said this is the third mill I. M. Yost has lost by fire. His first mill which stood just west of town was destroyed by fire in 1880. On the second day of December 1903 his second mill went up in smoke at the present location. He has also lost within the past few years one of the largest residences ever built in Hays.

The mill force which comprises the following men have been only partially laid off and Mr. Yost promises them all good work in a short time:—

Walter Steadman, head miller.	Charles Brumitt, second miller.
William Shotts, second miller.	Herbert Chittenden, flour packer.
Chas. Kirkman, " "	Chas. Kirkman, " "
Raymond Staab, " "	John Staab, " "
John Staab, " "	Jacob Brumitt, bran packer.
Anton Gross Jr., " "	James Behan, oiler.
Tom Reed, Jr., " "	Paul Dreese, flour foreman.
J. L. Roach, engineer.	Chaucey Munson, " "

These men work in two shifts and the second shift had just gone on at the breaking out of the fire.

### Old Settlers Pass Away.

Two of Ellis county's oldest settlers have died within the past week at Walker: Jason Fox, father of Brad Fox of this city, and Anthony Dreiling, granduncle of B. M. Dreiling.

### OBITUARY — JASON FOX.

The deceased was born May 9, 1831 in north Georgetown, Ohio; married to Sarah Jane Moore Oct. 29, 1849. He moved to Russell county, Kansas in 1872, and in 1880 transferred to Ellis county where he has resided until the day of his death Sept. 15, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Fox had eleven children of which the following, seven, survive him: M. F. Fox, Co. Treasurer Russell Co.; Mrs. Ira Ackerman, N. Y. City; John D. Fox, Denver, Colo.; Chas. M. Fox, Ellis, Kansas; J. B. Fox, Ex-Register Deeds Ellis Co.; Mrs. Fannie Melander, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Clay, Hays, Kansas.

Mr. Fox has continuously resided in Russell and Ellis counties for thirty-five years braving the grasshoppers and drouth alike and meeting with many reverses. By hard work he acquired a comfortable home which he enjoyed to the end. He was respected by all his neighbors and customers—being in later years a merchant in Walker. He has held a number of responsible offices in Walker township and he was one of the oldest settlers in that vicinity. The funeral services were conducted at Walker Tuesday afternoon by the Lutheran pastor of Bunker Hill.

### "FATHER" ANTHONY DREILING.

This is the sur-name that was frequently applied to the old resident who passed to his reward at his home in Walker last Saturday. He is the progenitor of a large family which constitute some of the best and most industrious citizens of Ellis county. Mr. Dreiling like Jason Fox was of German descent. We are told authoritatively that "Father" Dreiling was the first German to come to Ellis Co. and that he came ahead of the large party of his countrymen who came here in the early days. He inspected the land, found it satisfactory for farm purposes, and sent for his countrymen. He was one of the several staunch farmers who "stuck it out" through bad years, "no crops," and other misfortunes. He reached a grand old age of eighty-three years.

### Notes of the Fire.

The flour and feed burned for four days.

The Ellis switch engine with two tanks of water arrived too late to be of any service.

Two large plate glass windows in J. F. Jordan's furniture store were so badly cracked as to render them unfit for use.

James Finley and Frank King were suffocated by the smoke and the former was sick for two days from breathing gas and smoke.

Passenger train no. 2, eastbound, was held here until after three o'clock on account of the track being blocked and the telegraph service cut off.

The water commissioner deserves credit for his efficient work through the fire. Although thousands of barrels of water were used on the flames the water in the immense water tank scarcely lowered its depth.

A telegraph post was burned down near the mill and the wires broken, severing all connection by wire. A temporary station was installed at the pump house by seven a. m. and connections were made for train service only. Commercial service was not resumed all day Saturday and not a single message passed over the wires.

The following business men had moved their goods and fixtures over near the depot for fear of the fire jumping to the business block: Citizens' Bank, J. F. Jordan, Dr. Jordan, Drs. Catudal and Loutzenheiser, Nick Bach, Chas. King, C. F. Riley, S. Motz, H. W. Oshant, Geo. Griffith, J. H. Spratt (books). The postoffice fixtures were also taken down and all the mail sacked preparatory to a hasty get-away in case the fire spread.

To show how women will think of details: Notice had been given by the water commissioner that no water should be used on the lawns Friday evening on account of being out of gasoline at the pumping station.

When the fire alarm was given a number of Hays' matrons ran to the pumping house with one and two gallon cans partially filled with gasoline. These contributions though much esteemed by water commissioner Haffamer were not needed as a supply had been secured on the previous evening from Frank Fields.

## SCHOOL WANTS

Are all anticipated here. Every want that the school child can have can be supplied at this store. We give the little fellows especial consideration in our buying and in our treatment—we will not be undersold.



## Youths' and Boys' Suits

Suitable for early fall and winter wear. They come in Mixtures, Stripes, Small Checks and other neat effects. Our suits are well tailored and and guaranteed to give satisfactory wear. We want you to see the values we offer in our

**\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00 Suits.**

**Get Your Clothing Early.**

## Hosiery

If hose wear good on boys and girls in school they need no better recommendation. We think we have the right kind. Boys' heavy

double knee and double sole at 15c and 25c a pair. Girls' light weight and medium heavy, 10c, 15c and 25c a pair.

## Shoes

School shoes, good ones that are made to wear and look well.—If you want satisfaction in footwear buy "Selz" and "Freidman" school shoes. Large stock, correct prices.

## Boys' Furnishings

A more complete stock of Boys' Shirts, Collars, Ties and Underwear cannot be found in Hays—we carry a popular priced line in all the new shades and styles.

## Ginghams and Percales

The girls must have dresses and aprons. Have a look at our Ginghams and Percales. You will be pleased with the patterns. Good fast colors.

Come in and let us help you dress the boys and girls for school.

# ISAAC ZEIGLER & SON

## LOCAL NEWS.

Barnum and Bailey's circus is billed for Salina Oct. 5th.

A cement walk has been laid in front of the Lutheran church.

The Miss Markeys will make special prices on hats "Circus Day." 45-2t

Mrs. Night of Larned, Kansas, is here visiting her sister Mrs. Louis Hiss.

Miss Ella Robinson of Natoma who has been assisting Miss Margart Foster leaves for her home today.

Will Bell had the misfortune to run a nail into his knee this week. We always thought Bill was a better carpenter than that.

Chas. St. Clair Matthews of this city delivered a lecture in McCracken Wednesday evening on "The Ups and Downs of Life."

We pried a half galley of type this week so if some local ad which should appear in this column is absent you will confer a favor by letting us know.

The Misses Westbrook pleasantly entertained a number of their friends Thursday evening in honor of their guest Miss Cecil Comstock of Topeka.

Mr. Fritz has had a brick walk laid in front of his property on East Juniata St. Some cement walk was also laid. The Baker Construction Co. did the work.

Mrs. C. F. Wiest returned Wednesday evening from a two months' visit with her mother at Milwaukee. Mrs. Voss accompanied her as far as Kansas City.

A social dance was given by the young folks in the Hall Wednesday evening in honor of the university and college students who are leaving for their schools this week.

A meeting of all those interested in the Hays Public Library is called for Thursday evening Sept. 24 in the Library Rooms. The final decision will be made as to the fate of the Library.

This is the time of the year when all poultry is and subject to various ills. Feed them Prussian Poultry Tonic, which will help through moulting and start them to laying before winter sets in. For sale by, C. A. HARKNESS. 45-1f

Special sale on hats "Circus Day." MISSES MARKEY. 45-2t

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hiss on Tuesday.

Nelle and Franje Haffamer, Miss Zella Lester and Mrs. Haffamer visited Yocemento on Tuesday.

Jos. Wassinger of Smokey Hill marketed another load of his potatoes here on Tuesday, getting \$1.25 a bushel.

John Troth was taken sick while at Bunker Hill on business for the Workman Lodge and was compelled to return Tuesday.

Henry Oshant went to Topeka Thursday. He expects to ride back Sunday in his new auto, which will be a large Smith touring car.

William Sweeney has sold out his barber shop and expects to go to California soon and look over the prospect for locating out there.

Residents and merchants immediately north of the track have had to tolerate the stench of burning flour and bran the fore part of this week.

The Hays waterworks paid for itself twice over last Saturday morning. But for waterworks the entire business block north of the track would probably now be in ashes.

We have opened the Krueger Elevator and keep on hand at all times flour and feed. We will endeavor to serve you with good goods at fair prices. 45-1f L. M. Yost Milling Co.

S. H. Olson is the new Main Street barber. Mr. Olson has leased the property and will probably locate here permanently. He has been conducting a shop in Ellis lately but was formerly a resident of Dwight, Kansas.

Harry Matthew went to Stockton the first of the week. He has secured a good school over there and will put in the winter months teaching. Harry is a two-year old graduate of the Western State Normal.

A number of the Hays boys assisted by a few men hired by the Odd Fellow Lodge went out to Mrs. Henry Ringe's and harvested the hay crop Thursday.

This is the kind of friendship that makes Kansas a good state to live in.

S. W. Wood, the cement sidewalk man ran out of cement Thursday morning while laying walk on Second Street and he has been compelled to suspend operations for a few days until a new shipment is received from Iola. 45-1f

## Church Notes

**Methodist Episcopal Church.**  
M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

The addresses of the Rev. A. G. Van Haaften Sunday morning at the Methodist church and Sunday evening to a Union congregation in the Lutheran church were highly appreciated by the large number assembled. The regular collection for foreign missions was taken at the Methodist church in the morning. Over ninety dollars is assured and probably it will reach over one hundred dollars for foreign missions. Mr. VanHaaften also spoke at Yocemento Sunday afternoon and a collection of thirty dollars was taken. His lecture Monday evening was well attended and highly enjoyed by all present.

Sunday, October 6th, is Christian Stewardship day in the Epworth League. It is desired that all members of the League take pains to study up on the matter carefully so as to be ready to come to a decision at that time.

It has not yet been decided to publish in this column the names of all those who are tardy at Sunday School.

**Harkness for School Supplies.**

Grandma Decker returned from Denver last Sunday.

L. M. Yost has a temporary office with C. W. Miller on South Main.

S. P. Garrigues of Lane county is here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Wheatcroft.

The first load this season of Smokey River corn came in Tuesday and brought 40 cents a bushel.

"Fire postals" of Yost's Mill are on sale at Harkness', Spratt' and Farley Drug Store and the Racket Store.

Henry McGuire has completed the brick walk on the east side of the court house block. It is very fine.

Miss Cecil Comstock of Topeka is the guest of Miss Abbie Westbrook this week. She arrived Saturday evening.

## Dog for Sale.

I have a fine Registered Bird Dog for sale. Dog has worked one season. See or write Mrs. Frank Gehrre, Hays, Kansas. 45-2t

### A Farmer on Advertising.

(PRINTED BY REQUEST.)

I've been soaked a good many times since I started in business for myself, and I note that it has always been in the article that wasn't advertised. I started into the getting-soaked business by buying a lightning rod per foot and settling for it per inch.

That soaking was followed up by the purchase of a patent gate that wasn't advertised. It was sold to me on such close margin, the agent said, that the firm couldn't afford to advertise it.

I've bought everything from hedge fences to encyclopedias that weren't advertised, and if there is a piece of unadvertised furniture on this place that is any account I've not fallen over it. I have gotten so that when an agent calls on me with something I don't understand I ask him where it is advertised. If he can't show me anything but a pocketful of handbills, I call the dogs.

I don't believe that an advertisement will make a good article out of a bad one, but I am all-fired certain that it is not going to spoil a sure thing. If a fellow can't notify me in advance through some paper that he has a winner he can't do business with me.—Wiley Jones, in Agricultural Advertising.

### Wanted---the Waterwagon.

Where's the Hays waterwagon? The wind has been blowing a gale for a week, the dust has pervaded every nook and corner and the streets are as dry as powder. We have a waterworks system and a street sprinkler and there appears to be no reason why our streets should not be sprinkled.

### May Visit Lansing.

A man by the name of Bert Smith, who has been employed at Yocemento on the mill, now rests peacefully in the county jail under \$2000 bond. Last Friday Smith eloped with a fifteen year old girl and got as far as Wakeeney before he was overtaken and brought back by the girl's father. A preliminary hearing was held and both parties pleaded guilty to the charge and Smith was bound over to the October term of court, when he will without doubt be sentenced to five or ten years in the penitentiary. The saddest part about the affair is that the man is said to have a wife and child at Grainfield.

### Henry Ringe Dead.

Henry Ringe died Sunday morning at 10:20 a. m. after about two weeks sickness with typhoid fever. His young son is also quite sick with typhoid but it is expected he will recover. He lived in the Otto Reemsenyder place six miles north of Hays. A number of his friends were at the bedside when he died. The funeral was conducted from the Lutheran church at 3 p. m. Tuesday. Rev. Wiest officiating.

### OBITUARY.

Henry Ringe was born at Warlin, Germany Jan. 23, 1864. He was married Oct. 28, 1887 to Wilhelmina Abe. They came to America in 1890, bringing with them their oldest daughter, Anna and Mr. Ringe's brother William. The family first located at Donnellson, Ia. and resided there ten years. His brother died there and there his two children Minnie and Elmer were born. In September 1900 he, with his family, moved to Plainville and in November of the same year they came to Hays where he has resided ever since. He joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Donnellson in 1892 but the membership was never transferred to the Hays church. He died Sept. 15, 1907 at the age of 47 yrs., 7 mo., and 22 days. He was a member in good standing of the Odd Fellows' Lodge.

The FREE PRESS and its host of readers join together in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

### Special Invitation

Isaac Zeigler gives a special invitation to all out of town parties attending the circus next Saturday to make his store their headquarters, packages will be taken care of, Lemonade and ice water furnished and everything possible done to make your stay in Hays City that day pleasant and agreeable.

ISAAC ZEIGLER.

While out hunting in company with J. H. Spratt, Casper Middlekauff and C. A. Miller last Wednesday, Tom Ryan killed a badger with the aid of several bird dogs. These animals have become very scarce and are hardly ever seen in these parts any more.